

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 6, 12 and 22 as shown below, in which deleted terms are indicated with strikethrough and/or added terms are indicated with underscoring. Also, please cancel claims 17 and 18, as shown below, and add new claims 24 and 25. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A tree seat apparatus, comprising:
 - a frame comprising a seat support member,
 - an attachment member for attaching the frame to a tree, and
 - a seat cushion for operatively attaching to said seat support member, said seat cushion comprising a valveless, closed ~~an~~ envelope with a gas sealed therein; and
 - a reinforcing member situated below said envelope;wherein said envelope extends over an area which substantially covers said reinforcing member.
2. (Original) The tree seat apparatus of claim 1, wherein the seat cushion includes at least two adjacent chambers, and wherein each of the chambers is independently sealed.
3. (Original) The tree seat apparatus of claim 1, wherein the envelope has a flexible foam therein.
4. (Original) The tree seat apparatus of claim 1, wherein the reinforcing member comprises a layer of foam material below the envelope.

5. (Original) The tree seat apparatus of claim 4, wherein the seat cushion further comprises a top layer of foam material above the envelope, and wherein the foam material of the reinforcing member is denser than the foam material of the top foam layer.

6. (Currently Amended) A seat cushion for use with a tree seat apparatus, said seat cushion comprising:

a valveless, sealed envelope containing an entrapped gas;

a layer of flexible, resilient foam above the sealed envelope and defining a top foam layer;

a reinforcing member below the sealed envelope, said reinforcing member comprising a material which is denser than the foam of the top foam layer; and

a protective outer layer substantially surrounding and enclosing the sealed envelope, the top foam layer, and the reinforcing member;

wherein said envelope extends over an area which substantially covers said reinforcing member.

7. (Original) The seat cushion of claim 6, wherein said outer layer comprises a fabric material.

8. (Original) The seat cushion of claim 6, wherein the reinforcing member comprises a resilient closed cell foam.

9. (Original) The seat cushion of claim 6, wherein the sealed envelope comprises at least two separate chambers.

10. (Original) The seat cushion of claim 8, wherein the sealed envelope comprises at least two separate chambers.

11. (Original) The tree seat apparatus of claim 6, wherein the sealed envelope has a flexible resilient foam material therein.

12. (Currently amended) A tree seat apparatus, comprising

- a frame comprising a seat support member,
- an attachment member which is operatively connectable to the frame for removably attaching the frame to a tree, and
- a seat cushion for operatively attaching to said seat support member and comprising:
 - a substantially permanently sealed envelope containing an entrapped gas;
 - a layer of flexible, resilient foam above the sealed envelope and defining a top foam layer;
 - a reinforcing member comprising a foam material, said reinforcing member being situated below the sealed envelope and formed from a foam which is denser than the top foam layer; and
 - a protective outer layer covering the reinforcing member, the sealed envelope and the top foam layer;

wherein the reinforcing member is more than twice as thick as the outer layer.

13. (Original) The tree seat apparatus of claim 12, wherein the seat cushion outer layer comprises a fabric material.

14. (Original) The tree seat apparatus of claim 12, wherein the seat cushion outer layer comprises a water-resistant liner.

15. (Original) The tree seat apparatus of claim 12, wherein the attachment member comprises at least one restraining device selected from the group consisting of belts, cables and chains.

16. (Original) The tree seat of claim 12, wherein the sealed envelope comprises at least two separate chambers.

17-19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously presented) The tree seat apparatus of claim 6, wherein the sealed envelope is substantially horizontally coextensive with the top foam layer.

21. (Previously presented) The tree seat apparatus of claim 6, wherein the reinforcing member is more than twice as thick as the outer layer.

22. (Currently Amended) A seat cushion for use with an outdoor seat apparatus, said seat cushion comprising:

a valveless, sealed envelope containing an entrapped gas;

a layer of flexible, resilient foam disposed above the sealed envelope and defining

a top foam layer;

a reinforcing member below the sealed envelope, said reinforcing member formed from a flexible, resilient foam which is denser than the foam of the top foam layer; and

a protective outer layer substantially surrounding and enclosing the sealed envelope, the top foam layer, and the reinforcing member;

wherein the sealed envelope, the reinforcing member and the top foam layer are all substantially horizontally coextensive with one another.

23. (Previously presented) The seat cushion of claim 22, wherein the reinforcing member is more than twice as thick as the outer layer.

24. (New) The seat cushion of claim 6, further comprising straps attached to the protective outer layer for removably attaching the cushion to a support member of a tree seat.

25. (New) The seat cushion of claim 22, further comprising straps attached to the protective outer layer for removably attaching the cushion to a support member of a tree seat.